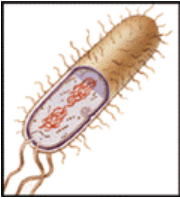


Notifiable Conditions in Texas

Several Texas laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) require specific information regarding notifiable conditions to be provided to the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Health care providers, hospitals, laboratories, schools, and others are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition. (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code.)

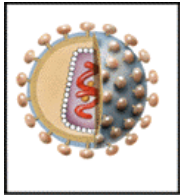


General Instructions

WHAT: The table on the other side of this sheet lists notifiable conditions in Texas. In addition to these conditions, any **outbreaks, exotic diseases, and unusual group expressions of disease** must be reported. All diseases shall be reported by name, age, sex, race/ethnicity, DOB, address, telephone number, disease, date of onset, method of diagnosis, and name, address, and telephone number of physician.

WHEN: The table on the opposite side lists when to report each condition. Cases or suspected cases of illness considered to be **public health emergencies, outbreaks, exotic diseases, and unusual group expressions of disease** must be reported to the local health department or TDH **immediately**. Other diseases for which there must be a quick public health response must be reported **within one working day**. All other conditions must be reported to the local health department or TDH **within one week**.

HOW: The table on the opposite side lists methods for reporting various conditions. **Note that any notifiable condition can be reported by calling (800) 705-8868.** In case of emergency, calling this number after hours will reach the physician/epidemiologist-on-call. Paper forms can be obtained by calling your local health department, or by calling (512) 458-7218.



Special Instructions

- **Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)** should only be reported once following the initial physician diagnosis. The report date, type and results of tests including a CD4 + T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells per microliter/percentage < 14% must also be included with the report.
- **Chancroid, *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, and syphilis** reports must also include the report date, type and results of tests, including a CD4 +

T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells per microliter/percentage < 14% for **HIV infection**.

- **Meningitis** types include aseptic/viral, bacterial (specify etiology), fungal, parasitic, and other.
- **Invasive streptococcal disease, invasive meningococcal infection, or invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* type b infections** refers to isolates from normally sterile sites and includes meningitis, septicemia, cellulitis, epiglottitis, osteomyelitis, pericarditis, septic arthritis, and necrotizing fasciitis.



Reporting by Laboratories

Laboratories, blood banks, mobile units, and other facilities in which a laboratory examination of a blood specimen is made are required to report **patients with a CD4 + T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells per microliter or CD4 + T lymphocyte percentage less than 14%.**

Immediately report isolates of **vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) and vancomycin-resistant coagulase negative *Staphylococcus* species** by calling ([800] 252-8239) or faxing ([512] 458-7616). Isolates of **VRSA and vancomycin-resistant coagulase negative *Staphylococcus* species** shall be submitted to the Bureau of Laboratories, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756-3199.

Isolates of **vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE) species and penicillin-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*** shall be reported to the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division on at least a quarterly basis.

All reports of **VRSA, vancomycin-resistant coagulase negative *Staphylococcus* species, VRE, and penicillin-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*** shall include patient name, date of birth or age, and sex; city of submitter; anatomic site of culture; date of culture; and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) if available. For **VRE**, name the species of *Enterococcus*.

In addition, numeric totals of all isolates of *Enterococcus* species and all isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* shall be reported to the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division no later than the last working day of March, June, September, and December.

Laboratories shall submit all *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates from normally sterile sites to the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3199.

For more information, call the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at (800) 252-8239 (press 1).

NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS IN TEXAS

NOTIFIABLE CONDITION	WHEN TO REPORT	HOW TO REPORT
Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)*	Within one week	CDC form 50.42 A (or 50.42 B for < 13 years of age)
Amebiasis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Anthrax	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Asbestosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Botulism, foodborne	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Botulism (infant)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI 4 form
Brucellosis	Within one working day	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Campylobacteriosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Chancroid*	Within one week	EPI-4 or STD 27 form
Chickenpox (varicella)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection*	Within one week	EPI-4 or STD 27 form
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Cryptosporidiosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Cyclosporiasis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Dengue	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Diphtheria	Immediately	Call (800) 252-9152
Drowning/near drowning	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Ehrlichiosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Encephalitis (specify etiology)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
<i>Escherichia coli</i> , enterohemorrhagic	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Gonorrhea*	Within one week	EPI-4 or STD 27 form
Hansen's disease (leprosy)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Hantavirus infection	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b infections, invasive *	Immediately	Call (800) 252-9152
Hepatitis A (acute)	Within one working day	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Hepatitis B, D, E, and unspecified (acute)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Hepatitis B (chronic) identified prenatally or at delivery	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Hepatitis C (newly diagnosed infection)	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection *	Within one week	CDC form 50.42 A (or 50.42 B for < 13 years of age)
Lead, adult elevated blood	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Lead, childhood elevated blood	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Legionellosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Listeriosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Lyme disease	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Malaria	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Meningococcal infections, invasive *	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Meningitis (specify type) *	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Measles (rubeola)	Immediately	Call (800) 252-9152
Mumps	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Pertussis	Immediately	Call (800) 252-9152
Pesticide poisoning, acute occupational	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Plague	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic	Immediately	Call (800) 252-9152
Q fever	Within one working day	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Rabies, human	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Relapsing fever	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Rubella (including congenital)	Within one working day	Call (800) 252-9152
Salmonellosis, including typhoid fever	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Shigellosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Silicosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Smallpox	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Spotted fever group rickettsioses	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Streptococcal disease (group A, B, S. pneumo), invasive *	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Syphilis *	Within one week	EPI-4 or STD 27 form
Tetanus	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Trichinosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
Tuberculosis	Within one working day	TB-400 form
Tularemia	Within one working day	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Typhus	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form
<i>Vibrio</i> infection, including cholera	Within one working day	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Viral hemorrhagic fever	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Yellow fever	Immediately	Call (800) 705-8868 or (800) 252-8239
Yersiniosis	Within one week	EPI-1 or EPI-4 form

* See reverse for special instructions